

Activities implemented by FEAFFA from 17th -21st September 2012

1. Participate in USAID workshop for potential grantees under the African Institutions Innovation Mechanism (AIIM).

The Federation participated in workshop for organizations interested in applying for USAID grants under AIIM on September 17, 2012 at The Lord Errol Restaurant Nairobi. The training took participants through the guidelines when preparing concept notes and proposals for funding under this program. FEAFFA will be submitting a concept as it meets the requirements. FEAFFA was represented by the Executive Director and the Communication and Advocacy officer.

2. Review the draft FEAFFA Standard Trading Conditions

The secretariat embarked on review of the draft Standard Trading Conditions that were developed by a consultant with support from USAID COMPETE. The feedback will be submitted to the consultant for his consideration. The standard trading conditions are meant to assist small and medium size clearing and forwarding companies in making contracts with their customers.

3. Prepare for field work for the mutual recognition of Customs agents licenses in the EAC

The secretariat made preparations for the data collection by the consultant that was hired to conduct a study on the mutual recognition of Customs Agents licenses in East Africa. National associations were mobilized. The findings of this study will be used to prepare a position paper that FEAFFA will use to engage the EAC with a view to allowing customs agents operate within the region with a license issued by one customs authority. Data collection will start this week until mid October 2012. One of the FEAFFA staff will be accompanying the consultant.

4. Meetings with TMEA on funding and the FEAFFA e portal

The secretariat held a number of meetings with TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) for purposes of supporting her activities. From the meetings, the project budget for the EACFFPC training program was reviewed. The meetings also discussed issues of institutional support to FEAFFA expected to start effective October 2012 and also the FEAFFA e portal.

5. Update the industry on key developments.

The secretariat continued to update the industry on key developments in the region. Through her website www.feaffa.com , FEAFFA informed the industry and all stakeholders on developments on the issue of cash bonds on transit cargo to Uganda by Kenya Revenue

Authority (KRA). The federation also updated the industry on upcoming regional stakeholders meetings by the Kenya Ports Authority on the review of the tariff rates.